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Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" There was a statement by Government that the name of the community would be changed. May I ask the Hon. the Home Member whether the Government is doing anything in that direction? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" The matter is still under consideration."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" Is it not a fact that the District Magistrate has recommended that the order in question should be cancelled or modified? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" I do not think I can communicate to this House the report of the District Magistrate to the Government which is of a confidential nature."

Depressed Classes

Persons competent to issue poverty certificates for fee remissions and scholarships.

* 309 *Q.*—Rao Sahib C. JAYARAM NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any specific order that all poverty certificates for fee remissions and scholarships to depressed and backward classes should be issued by Government officials only of the rank of District Labour Officers, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, Magistrates and not by Honorary Magistrates;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that poverty certificates issued by Honorary Magistrates are accepted by the Educational department;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that poverty certificates issued by Honorary Magistrates are rejected by the Labour department; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a recent Government Order requiring poverty certificates to be signed by Government officials was suspended on the agitation of the minority communities on account of the difficulty that will be experienced in obtaining such certificates from Government officials and whether such suspension is still in force?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information to the contrary. Under the Madras Educational Rules poverty certificates signed by Honorary Magistrates should be accepted.

(*c*) The Government have called for a report.

(*d*) No Government Order has recently been issued requiring these poverty certificates to be signed by Government officials only.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" In answer to clause (*c*) the Government say they have called for a report. This answer was given about ten weeks ago. May I ask whether the Government have since received the report? "

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The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"The report has been received. The answer to the question is in the affirmative. But necessary instructions have been issued since."

Administration of Justice

Selection of candidates for appointments to the Civil Judicial department by the Madras Services Commission.

* 310 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when the Government are going to transfer the power of selecting candidates for appointments in the Civil Judicial department to the Public Services Commission?

A.—There is no proposal now to transfer the power of selecting candidates to the posts of District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges to the Madras Services Commission. The Government have authorized the Madras Services Commission to select candidates for the ministerial establishments of the mufassal civil courts and the arrangements to be made in connexion with the selection are under consideration.

Age-limit for admission into the Civil Judicial department.

* 311 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the prescribed age for admission into the service of the Judicial department is;

(*b*) whether the Government have relaxed this age-limit in the case of the depressed classes, Indian Christians and Muslims as they have done in Revenue and other departments; and

(*c*) whether any representation was made to the Government for the relaxation of this age-limit?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the posts of clerks in the Judicial department. The present age-limit is 25.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

(*c*) A memorandum was presented by the hon. Member to His Excellency the Governor on the subject.

Appointment of an Additional Judge to the City Civil Court, Madras.

* 312 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to appoint an Additional Judge for the City Civil Court; and

(*b*) whether the Government have called for applications for the post?